

2. Tarapur

Area covered by Thane Municipal Corporation is served by Telex Exchange at Bombay.

(b) Telex exchanges are proposed to be opened in the following towns of Thane District in 1991-92.

1. Palghar
2. Dahanu
3. Verar
4. Bhiwandi

Review of Indo-Bangladesh Agreement on Ganga Waters

1210. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to review the agreement between India and Bangladesh on the sharing of Ganga waters at Farakka; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b) At present there is no agreement between India and Bangladesh for sharing of Ganga Waters at Farakka and talks with Bangladesh on this issue have not been completed.

[Translation]

Shifting of Sadar Bazar Slaughter House Delhi

1211. SHRI KALKA DASS: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether slaughter house in Sadar Bazar area of Delhi is located in the midst of densely populated area;

(b) whether several complaints have been received regarding unhygienic conditions prevailing in this slaughter house;

(c) if so, the action taken thereon;

(d) whether the Government propose to shift this slaughter house to some other place in Delhi; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) The Municipal Corporation of Delhi have taken several steps to improve environmental and sanitary conditions in the Slaughter House. Some of these are augmenting water supply, improvement of flooring, arrangements for proper disposal of waste, provision of lairage with high compound wall to segregate slaughter house from neighbouring congested area and improvement of approach road to slaughter house.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

(e) A scheme for improvement of existing slaughter house with Hungarian Collaboration has been framed by Municipal Corporation of Delhi. The Scheme will be taken up for execution after obtaining necessary clearance.

[English]

Protection of Government Buildings from Fire Hazards

1212. SHRI V. SREENIVASA PRASAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the steps taken by the Government to protect the Government buildings in Delhi from fire hazards;

(b) whether use of fire protection doors and windows has been made compulsory in Government buildings and other public places; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure compliance of such provisions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB): (a) CPWD has taken up works of augmentation and provision of fire safety arrangements, to conform to the requirements of the Delhi Fire Safety Act, 1986 and the rules framed thereunder, in high-rise buildings maintained by them which have deficiencies. In addition, departments/offices occupying buildings have been advised to ensure fire safety through periodic inspections, paying particular attention to areas which are potential fire hazards and through proper house keeping.

(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. The Delhi fire service is ensuring this aspect before issue of No Objection Certificate for occupation of Government buildings and other public places.

Floor Price for Pepper

1213. SHRI PALA K. M. MATHEW: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the longstanding demand from the farmers to fix the floor price for Pepper;

(b) whether the Government propose to fix the floor price for Pepper;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Since major part of the production of pepper is exported, its price stabilisation programme will have to

be considered taking into consideration both domestic and international prices as well as production and internal demand. Already, prevailing domestic prices of pepper are not very competitive in the international market. Any kind of price support operation would further increase the FOB cost of our pepper, making it further uncompetitive and may result in fall in exports.

Production of Alumina Plant at Damanjodi, Orissa

1214. SHRI K. PRADHANI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Alumina Plant at Damanjodi in Orissa is not upto the target this year;

(b) if so, the reasons for the shortfall; and

(c) the measures proposed to be taken to increase the production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) During April-June quarter of 1991, the production of Alumina from the Alumina Plant of National Aluminium Company Limited (NALCO) at Damanjodi has been 95.88% of the target of 1,80,000 tonnes.

(b) and (c) The marginal shortfall of 7,400 tonnes is due to one of the calciners being down for routine maintenance during this period. The shortfall is expected to be made good in the July-September quarter of 1991.

Telephone Facilities to Gram Panchayats in Marathwada District of Maharashtra

1215. SHRI ASHOK ANAND-RAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any scheme to provide one telephone